

## Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- **New Indiana Archaeology Calendar-** The DHPA is pleased to announce that an Indiana Archaeology calendar will soon be available online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/pubs.html>. You may print the calendar, which is for 2006, and enjoy numerous images regarding various aspects of archaeology in our state. 2006 promises to be another exciting year of discoveries and learning in Indiana!



- **Archaeology Grant site visit-** On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Research Archaeologist Amy Johnson conducted an official site visit to the Fudge site (12R10) in Randolph County, Indiana. Ball State University's Department of Anthropology received a \$26,850 Historic Preservation Fund grant (administered by the DHPA) to increase understanding of Early/Middle Woodland ceremonial and settlement systems in eastern Indiana and the Ohio River valley through investigations of the Fudge site chronology, construction, and function. The site is the largest prehistoric enclosure reported in Indiana, and Ball State's survey finds the earthwork to be 31.5 acres in size.

Archaeologists from the Archaeological Resources Management Service (ARMS) at BSU are currently wrapping up the fieldwork component of this important grant project. Amy was given a tour of the large site as well as an update of the project's progress and exciting findings.

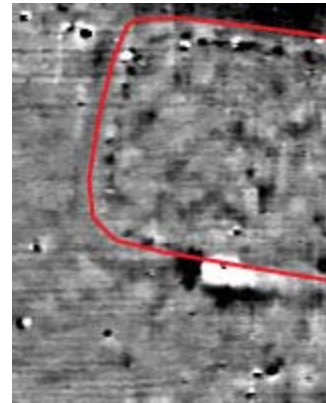
The work conducted by Ball State has already yielded important information regarding the current nature of the site, as well as some excellent results from the use of magnetometry technology. The Fudge site will be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Using GPS technology as a part of the grant field-work.



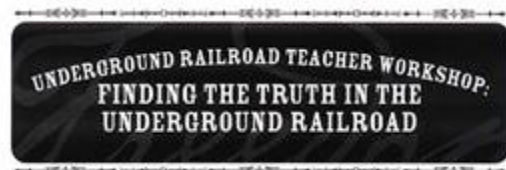


ARMS project coordinator for this grant, Beth McCord, stands atop a portion of the remaining low north enclosure wall (above). Below is a photo of that same general area during archaeological excavations.



Ball State's magnetometer results of the western gateway showing the rectangular structure.

- **Outreach in Shelby County-** On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, gave a presentation on Indiana archaeology at the St. Joseph's school in Shelbyville, Indiana. Approximately twenty-five 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders were in attendance. The students had excellent questions, and Dr. Jones enjoyed sharing information about archaeological sites in our state with these young people.
- **Archaeology news and events-** Do you have Indiana archaeology events, such as lectures, presentations, artifact identification sessions, meetings, etc. that you or your organization would like to let the community know about? If so, we encourage you to submit the information to Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator for the DHPA. The DHPA has a large email distribution list which reaches many professional archaeologists and those in the general public interested in archaeology who have requested to be placed on the mailing list.
- **Underground Railroad Teacher Workshop-** The DHPA, IUPUI and the Indiana State Museum are co-partners in hosting an Underground Railroad Teacher Workshop on February 18, 2006 at the Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis. Archaeologists Dr. Deborah Rotman (Purdue University), Angie Krieger (Hoosier National Forest), and



Bill Wepler (Indiana State Museum) will participate in a session titled “Archaeology and the Underground Railroad.” For more information on the various sessions, registration (deadline Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>), etc., see our webpage at [http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/ugrr\\_teacherworkshop.html](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/ugrr_teacherworkshop.html).

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
[www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html)

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